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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON

REF: TEL AVIV 9866

1. COL. ILLAN TEHILA, WEIZMAN'S AIDE, CALLED ME ON WEIZMAN'S BEHALF A FEW MINUTES AGO. HE SAID THAT THE ISRAELIS HAD "GIVEN FIRM INSTRUCTIONS" TO HADDAD THIS MORNING TO STOP SHELLING AND TO AGREE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT THE ISRAELIS UNDERSTAND WILL TAKE PLACE LATER ON TODAY TO THE KIND OF ARRANGEMENT FOR LAF MOVEMENT WHICH WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING. HADDAD HAS ALSO BEEN TOLD TO TRY TO REACH DURING THOSE NEGOTIATIONS A "REASONABLE SOLUTION" ON THE ISSUE OF THE MOVEMENT OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT WITH THE LAF WHEN IT GETS UNDERWAY IN TIBNIN. THE ISRAELIS ALSO PRESSED

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HADDAD TO LEAVE HIS OWN DEMANDS ASIDE AND TO OPERATE IN A PRAGMATIC FASHION.

2. BUT, TEHILA CONTINUED, THERE IS A PROBLEM. HADDAD RECEIVED A FEW DAYS AGO A CABLE FROM LEBANESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES RELIEVING HIM OF HIS COMMAND. THE ISRAELIS FEEL THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO FIND SOME WAY TO RESCIND,

POSTPONE, AT BEST CANCEL THAT MESSAGE. IT COULD BE ANOTHER
CABLE WHICH SIMPLY REFERRED TO THE FIRST BY NUMBER
AND SAID IT WAS SUSPENDED. TEHILA SAID THAT THIS
IS NEEDED IN ORDER FOR THE GOI TO BE SURE IT CAN PERSUADE
HADDAD TO DO AS WE HAVE URGED.

3. TEHILA CONCLUDED BY ASKING THE U.S. TO GO TO THE LEBANESE
TO PERSUADE THEM TO DO SOMETHING OF THIS SORT. IF WE ARE
SUCCESSFUL, THEN TEHILA BELIEVED "WE CAN REACH A SATISFACTORY
SOLUTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE."
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